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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

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- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 7

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The cable tie tool (20) has a variable trigger linkage (54) which is supported within a tool handle (24) by a connection (58) thereto. The trigger linkage (54) is coupled to a lever (38,39) and movable between open and closed positions such that moving the trigger linkage (54) from the open to closed positions causes the lever (38,39) alternatively at near or distant positions thereon to couple the trigger linkage (54) to the lever (38,39) such that, when a uniform force is applied to the trigger linkage (54) for movement thereof from the open to closed positions, the engagement at the distant (48) position results in the force applied to the tool head (35) by the lever (38,39) being greater than the force applied to the tool head (35) by the lever (38,39) which results from the engagement at the near (46) position.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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